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In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1-11 and 13 as follows. Please add new claims 16 and 17. The claims and their status are shown below.

1. (Currently Amended) A multipurpose dry mix (A) for use in <u>a</u> spread, and/or <u>a</u> filling of baked, fried, uncooked savoury and/or sweet tasting products,

a) having a freeze-thaw stability of at least 98%, preferably more than 98.5%, more preferably more than 99.0%, wherein said freeze thaw stability is defined as (100% - ((100 x the total amount of separated water in ml) (total weight (in grams) of mixture(B))), and wherein said mixture (B) is having a dry substance content of 64% and consists is consisting of said dry mix (A) and water, and said total amount of separated water is collected after performing three times a procedure wherein said mixture (B) is subjected to freezing at -18°C for 24 hours, followed by thawing for 8 hours at ambient temperature, and collecting the separated water, and repeating twice said procedure, and

- b) having a baking stability of 100% wherein said baking stability is defined by baking in alumina cup at 180°C for 1 hour a mixture (C) having a dry substance content of 79%, and consisting of said dry mix (A) and water, and obtaining a baked mixture (C) and said baking stability of 100% corresponds to non-leaking of a mixture (C) and/or baked mixture (C) out the alumina cup, and
- c) having a stable viscosity under alkaline, acidic and neutral pH conditions when measuring for a mixture (D), at dry substance of 31% of said dry mix (A) in demineralised water or buffer, Brabender viscograms between 50°C and 95°C with heating rate of 1.5°C/min.
- 2. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] dry mix according to claim 1 characterised in that said dry mix [[it]] comprises fat, proteins, and carbohydrates.
- 3. (Currently Amended) <u>The [[A]]</u> dry mix according to claim [[1 or]] 2 characterised in that <u>said dry mix comprises</u> it is comprising:
 - a) 10-20% w/w proteins,
 - b) 25-65% w/w carbohydrates, and
 - c) 15-28% w/w fat.[[, and]]

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4. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] dry mix according to claim [[2 or]] 3 characterised in that said proteins are vital wheat gluten and/or vital wheat gluten developed in non-aqueous media.

- 5. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] dry mix according to claim 3 anyone of claims 2 to 4 characterised in that said carbohydrates are selected from the group consisting of starch, flour, fibers, starch hydrolysates, hydrogenated starch hydrolysates, emulsifying starches, disaccharides, monosaccharides, polyols and mixtures thereof.
- 6. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] dry mix according to claim anyone of claims 2 to 5 characterised in that the emulsifying starch is starch n-octenyl succinate, preferably stabilized starch n-octenyl succinate.
- 7. (Currently Amended) <u>The [[A]] dry mix according to claim anyone of claims 1 [[to 6]] characterised in that said dry mix comprises it is comprising:</u>
 - a) 10-20% w/w gluten;
 - b) 20-45% w/w starch hydrolysates;
 - c) 5-15% w/w flour;
 - d) 1-10 % w/w starch n-octenyl succinate, and
 - e) 15-28% w/w fat.
- 8. (Currently Amended) <u>The [[A]]</u> dry mix according to claim 7 characterised in that <u>said</u> <u>dry mix comprises</u> it is comprising:
 - a) 12-25% w/w gluten;
 - b) 22-40% w/w starch hydrolysates;
 - c) 7-12% w/w flour;
 - d) 2-8% w/w starch n-octenyl succinate; and
 - e) 17-25% w/w fat.
 - 9. (Currently Amended) A completed mix comprising
 - a) a dry mix according to claim anyone of claims 1 [[to 8]], and
- b) a liquid selected from the group consisting of water, savoury sauce, sweet sauce, dressing, fruit puree, vegetable puree, dairy-based liquids and mixtures thereof.

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10. (Currently Amended) A food composition characterised in that <u>said food</u> composition comprises it is comprising

- a) meat, fish, poultry, seafood, rice, potato, dairy products, fruits and/or vegetables, and
 - b) a dry mix according to claim 1 [[to 8]], and/or
 - c) a completed mix according to claim 9.
- 11. (Currently Amended) A food product selected from the group consisting of snacks, pies, pizza-like, products, savoury filled products, sweet bakery products, characterised in that said food product is comprising a layer on, under and/or around the completed mix according to claim 9, and/or the food composition according to claim 10.
- 12. (Original) A food product according to claim 11 characterised in that said layer is pastry, crumble, bread, biscuits, sponge, cake batter, bread-crumbs, potato slices and/or potato mash.
- 13. (Currently Amended) A spread characterized in that <u>said spread comprises</u> it is emprising a completed mix according to claim 9.
- 14. (Original) Use of a dry mix comprising 10-20% w/w proteins, 25-65% w/w carbohydrates, and 15-28% w/w fat, as a multifunctional mix in spreads, or fillings in baked, fried, or uncooked savoury and/or sweet tasting products.
- 15. (Original) Use of a dry mix comprising 10-20% w/w gluten; 20-45% w/w starch hydrolysates; 5-15% w/w flour, 1-10% w/w starch n-octenyl succinate, and 15-28% w/w fat as a multifunctional mix in spreads or fillings in baked, fried, or uncooked savoury and/or sweet tasting products.
- 16. (New) The dry mix according to claim 1, wherein said dry mix has a freeze-thaw stability of at least 98.5%.
- 17. (New) The dry mix according to claim 1, wherein said dry mix has a freeze-thaw stability of at least 99.0%.